

Remarks

Following the above amendments, claims 2-11, 14, 15, 18, 19, 21-30 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 20 have been cancelled herein. The limitations of claim 1 have been incorporated into claims 2, 3, and 9. The limitations of claims 20 have been incorporated into claim 21. As a result of these amendments, no claim depends upon a rejected base claim.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 2-11, 14, 15, 18, 19, 21-30 of the present invention are in condition for allowance and should be allowed. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of these claims be withdrawn and that these claims be passed to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger Fulghum
Registration No. 39,678

Baker Botts L.L.P.
910 Louisiana
One Shell Plaza
Houston, Texas 77002-4995
(713) 229-1707

Baker Botts Docket Number: 016295.0730

Date: July 29, 2005